Outlook

Fw: HHS internet

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Hi Kelly,

Enclosed please find the information that I have received so far from WCU IT.

Thank you.

My best,
Joy

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My guess is that BoE has standard security requirements at the state level. We can meet or exceed those. As an example, we have one connection for Police that directly connects to the SBI to transfer evidence and such. That network is highly restricted. This will likely be a similar scenario during the event.

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Thank you so much. Neither the Director of the Board of Elections or myself know much of anything about IT. I'm very grateful for your help.

She spoke with her staff member who works on this component and he said that they need:
a "logically isolated network via VLAN or subnet" to HHS 204 for the duration of early voting and election day"

Regarding the wired ports, they shared:
"We have used wired ports in the past - we'd be replicating whatever we've done before. And we can theoretically run splitters - they'll be going to 10 or less laptops (all coordinated around the check-in zone). None of the actual votinq equipment has internet access."

Does all of this sound good to you?

Thanks again- that should be my last question 🙂

My best,
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Yes, you can share this information.

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Thank you, Brian.

Is the information and link that you provided something that we can share directly with the board members?

I'll see what I can do to find out if wired wall ports are needed and, if so, how many.

Thank you again. I appreciate it!

My best,
Joy

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Hi Joy, we have 3 Aruba 635 Access points in HHS 204 and that room can handle high density connections. All AP's are 1G connected to a switch stack that has 10G connections to the data center and to the Internet and has matching capacity to the UC. We can provide Board of Elections staff the same type of access that was used in the UC previously.

Do you need wired wall ports (specifically how many if so)? In the near future our Internet bandwidth is being upgraded from 10G to 20G of total Internet bandwidth.

Regards,
Brian

https://www.hpe.com/psnow/doc/PSN1013490535THEN for detailed WAP specifications.

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Hi Chris and Brian,

I hope that your week is off to a good start.

The Director of the Jackson County Board of Elections has reached out to share that a number of board members are interested in moving the Cullowhee voting site to the HHS building, starting this fall. Though it has not yet been decided, it sounds like they will take a vote after contracts are drafted for all of the Jackson County voting sites. Kelly Turnow in Legal is working on this.

Would you be able to share with me the relevant specifics of the network for room 204 in HHS? I'm not entirely certain what would be needed to include, but imagine the network speed and how the Board of Elections staff would access the network.

Thank you. Please let me know if you have any further questions and I'll do my best to get an answer.

My best,
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Chris is correct; the network in the HHS building is the same as the UC building . The only difference is the brand of wireless access points in the UC, but the networks and bandwidth are the same in HHS as the UC.

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Hi Joy. I've copied our Director of Networking, but in these shared/public spaces the networking is the same everywhere. During a special event, we can also change the networking setup to behave however we need to.

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Hi Chris,

Hope that you are well and excited for some snow!

I wasn't quite sure how to find out the answer to the question below. Would you be able to provide an answer or point me in the right direction?

"Regarding the HHS building, is the "connectivity comparable to the multipurpose room in the Hinds Center?"

This question is from the Jackson County Board of Elections- they are wanting to be extra certain that the network security/specs are comparable in the large multipurpose room at the HHS Building to what they've received in the UC multipurpose room in the past.

The polling site has been moved to the Jackson County Cullowhee Rec Center for the Primaries, but I understand that Board Members are wanting to know this information in case that changes in the future.

Thank you!

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